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George Runner Responds to Governor's Revised Budget

Board of Equalization Member Senator George Runner today issued the following statement in response to Governor Jerry Brown's May revision of his budget proposal:

"Overtaxed Californians will find little to cheer in the Governor's revised budget proposal.

"Despite the Governor's concession to postpone higher income taxes for a year, he continues to push for legislative approval of higher sales taxes and car taxes this year.

"And although the Governor dropped his effort to abolish enterprise zones—and the jobs they create—he continues to miss the big picture: Californians need jobs, not higher taxes.

"Our best hope for new revenues isn't higher taxes, but new jobs fueled by a recovering economy. Unfortunately, the Governor has yet to truly lift a finger in the fight for California jobs."

Elected in November 2010, Senator George Runner represents more than nine million Californians as a member of the Board of Equalization. For more information, visit www.boe.ca.gov/Runner.